

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable. I am low income, on Lifeline Service, and need tracfone as a backup. After some recent rains, my landline service was interrupted for 17 days. I had to come up with an extra \$60 for tracfone cards so I could manage medical care, hospital trips and other "Non-essential" calls for myself. The FERC tacitly approved the energy ripoff we have suffered in California. You people are worse.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair! I know you have a lot of favors to pay back after the recent elections, but stick to campaign contributions from those who can afford it. Stop oppressing the poor whom you have already victimized.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. They are already passing their costs on to me and to others. Now you want me to directly subsidize your multi-national fat cat buddies? I don't think so. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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